MOST SERIOUS OFFENSE* OF
INMATES ADMITTED TO SCDC FY 2019

OFFENSE CLASSIFICATION	BLACK MALES		BLACK FEMALES		WHITE MALES		WHITE FEMALES		OTHER MALES		OTHER FEMALES		TOTAL	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
DANGEROUS DRUGS	687	20.7%	23	12.4%	738	25.1%	325	42.0%	26	19.5%	6	50.0%	1,805	24.5%
BURGLARY	450	13.6%	12	6.5%	416	14.2%	66	8.5%	18	13.5%	1	8.3%	963	13.1%
ASSAULT	347	10.4%	25	13.4%	231	7.9%	22	2.8%	18	13.5%	0	0.0%	643	8.7%
FAMILY OFFENSE	267	8.0%	18	9.7%	264	9.0%	68	8.8%	10	7.5%	1	8.3%	628	8.5%
LARCENY	200	6.0%	28	15.1%	235	8.0%	87	11.2%	8	6.0%	0	0.0%	558	7.6%
ROBBERY	296	8.9%	8	4.3%	109	3.7%	11	1.4%	4	3.0%	0	0.0%	428	5.8%
TRAFFIC OFFENSE	123	3.7%	15	8.1%	154	5.2%	28	3.6%	10	7.5%	0	0.0%	330	4.5%
WEAPON OFFENSE	190	5.7%	1	0.5%	83	2.8%	3	0.4%	3	2.3%	0	0.0%	280	3.8%
STOLEN VEHICLE	122	3.7%	4	2.2%	113	3.8%	21	2.7%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	260	3.5%
HOMICIDE	151	4.5%	9	4.8%	59	2.0%	17	2.2%	5	3.8%	1	8.3%	242	3.3%
SEXUAL ASSAULT	77	2.3%	0	0.0%	134	4.6%	1	0.1%	19	14.3%	0	0.0%	231	3.1%
FRAUDULENT ACTIVITY	57	1.7%	16	8.6%	73	2.5%	36	4.7%	0	0.0%	2	16.7%	184	2.5%
SEX OFFENSES	76	2.3%	0	0.0%	58	2.0%	3	0.4%	4	3.0%	0	0.0%	141	1.9%
FORGERY/COUNTERFEIT	41	1.2%	11	5.9%	51	1.7%	33	4.3%	1	0.8%	0	0.0%	137	1.9%
OBSTRUCTING POLICE	59	1.8%	4	2.2%	50	1.7%	9	1.2%	2	1.5%	0	0.0%	124	1.7%
KIDNAPPING	56	1.7%	1	0.5%	13	0.4%	4	0.5%	2	1.5%	0	0.0%	76	1.0%
STOLEN PROPERTY	21	0.6%	0	0.0%	50	1.7%	4	0.5%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	75	1.0%
ACCESSORY TO FELONY	20	0.6%	1	0.5%	10	0.3%	7	0.9%	1	0.8%	1	8.3%	40	0.5%
ARSON	10	0.3%	2	1.1%	18	0.6%	3	0.4%	1	0.8%	0	0.0%	34	0.5%
INVASION	10	0.3%	0	0.0%	16	0.5%	2	0.3%	1	0.8%	0	0.0%	29	0.4%
FLIGHT/ESCAPE	9	0.3%	1	0.5%	14	0.5%	1	0.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	25	0.3%
CRIMINAL CONSPIRACY	16	0.5%	2	1.1%	4	0.1%	3	0.4%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	25	0.3%
PROPERTY CRIME	11	0.3%	0	0.0%	11	0.4%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	22	0.3%
DAMAGE TO PROPERTY	7	0.2%	1	0.5%	9	0.3%	2	0.3%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	19	0.3%
SMUGGLING	6	0.2%	0	0.0%	4	0.1%	9	1.2%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	19	0.3%
PUBLIC PEACE	6	0.2%	0	0.0%	4	0.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	10	0.1%
CRIME AGAINST PERSON	0	0.0%	1	0.5%	5	0.2%	2	0.3%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	8	0.1%
OBSTRUCTING JUSTICE	2	0.1%	1	0.5%	2	0.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	5	0.1%
MISPRISON TO FELONY	1	0.0%	1	0.5%	2	0.1%	1	0.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	5	0.1%
POSSESSION TOOLS	2	0.1%	0	0.0%	1	0.0%	1	0.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	4	0.1%
GAMBLING	0	0.0%	1	0.5%	0	0.0%	2	0.3%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	3	0.0%
CONSERVATION	1	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	2	0.0%
EXTORTION	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	0.0%	1	0.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	2	0.0%
DRUNKENNESS	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	2	0.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	2	0.0%
EMBEZZLEMENT	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	0.0%	1	0.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	2	0.0%
OBSCENE MATERIAL	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	0.0%
COMMERCIALIZED SEX	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
COMPUTER CRIMES	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
TOTAL	3,321	100.0%	186	100.0%	2,937	100.0%	774	100.0%	133	100.0%	12	100.0%	7,363	100.0%

*Highlighted areas indicate most common offenses for each demographic group. Inmates often are committed to SCDC with many offenses, with each carrying a specific sentence, county of commitment, etc. To facilitate statistical reporting, SCDC determines a single "most serious offense" (MSO) for each inmate. Before August 2005, the offense with the longest sentence determined MSO. Effective August 2005, inmates' MSO is the offense with the highest severity level (i.e. offenses are classified between severity level 1 and 5, with 5 as the most severe). In cases where an inmate has multiple offenses at the same severity level, SCDC considers the category of each offense, where homicide offenses take precedence, followed by sex offenses and violent offenses. If multiple offenses exist within the same category, the offense with the longest sentence then determines MSO. Because of this definitional change, post-2005 MSO data cannot be compared to pre-2005 MSO data.

Note: Percentages may not add up due to rounding.